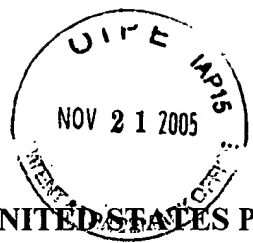


IFW/B



SAM1.PAU.14

Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Primary Examiner: W. Bashore
Richard Humpleman, <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Supervisory Examiner: Joseph Feild
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)	
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO-)	Group Art Unit: 2176
TREE BUILDER)	
)	Reply to Notice of Allowance
Application No.: 09/104,297)	Dated: November 10, 2005
)	
Filed: June 24, 1998)	
)	

OFFICIAL LETTER

MS Petitions
Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby files this paper following receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and Notice of References Cited dated November 10, 2005, for the above-entitled application. MPEP § 714.16 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating allowance of the patent application based on its merits.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner that there is a clerical error on the above-mentioned Notice of References Cited, in that, although a first publication entitled Chase, Victor D., "Building the Internet into Appliances," Appliance Manufacturer, Chicago (via ProQuest Direct), January 1197, vol. 45, Issue 1, pages 1-2 was cited by the Examiner, a second

publication entitled Fisher, Susan E., "Get ready for plug and play," Datamation, p. 62-64, May 1, 1996, vol. 42, no. 9, was erroneously omitted from the Notice of References Cited.

As a reminder, Applicant's representative, Michael Zarrabian (Reg. No. 39,886) telephoned the Examiner in October 2005 to ensure that the above two publications, entitled: (1) "Building the Internet into Appliances" cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated August 27, 2002 for commonly assigned continuing patent application Serial No. 09/709,781; and (2) "Get ready for plug and play," cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated October 25, 2005 for commonly assigned continuing patent application Serial No. 09/709,781, are also considered by the Examiner prior to allowance of the above-captioned application Ser. No. 09/104,297. In a return voice mail message, the Examiner indicated that he would review and include the above-noted two publications in the Notice of References Cited for the above-captioned application Ser. No. 09/104,297 before allowance of Ser. No. 09/104,297. Applicant's representatives again left a substantive reminder voice mail message for the Examiner on November 8, 2005.

However, as noted above, in the Notice of References Cited that was enclosed with the Notice of Allowance of the above-captioned application Ser. No. 09/104,297, the Examiner appears to have forgotten to include the second publication (i.e., Fisher, Susan E., "Get ready for plug and play", Datamation, p. 62-64, May 1, 1996, vol. 42, no. 9, copy enclosed herein), although the first publication was included.

To complete the Patent Offices' file and records for above-captioned application Ser. No. 09/104,297, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a revised Notice of References Cited that includes the second reference (i.e., Fisher, Susan E., "Get ready for plug and play," Datamation, p. 62-64, May 1, 1996, vol. 42, no. 9, copy enclosed herein).

If it is believed that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1960 for any additional fees required in connection with this filing. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for this purpose.

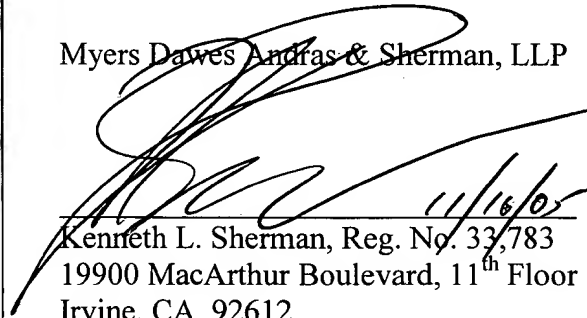
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 16, 2005.

By: Sarah A. Nielsen

Sarah A. Nielsen
Signature

Respectfully submitted,

Myers Dawes Andras & Sherman, LLP


Kenneth L. Sherman, Reg. No. 33,783
19900 MacArthur Boulevard, 11th Floor
Irvine, CA 92612
Tel: (949) 223-9600
Fax: (949) 223-9610
Customer No.: 23386